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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, MEETING OF US-SPANISH COUNCIL: REPORT
OF JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SPANISH
DRAFT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FROM JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COMMITTEE. THIS DRAFT WAS PREPARED BY
SPANISH SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH
THE EMBASSY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IT REFLECTS THE
DEISRE OF THE SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL
TO HAVE CERTAIN SPANISH VIEWS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH.
THE DRAFT STILL LACKS APPROVAL FROM THE SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN
OF THE COMMITTEE, HOWEVER.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ANY COMMENTS OR CHANGES
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR COORDINATION WITH SPANISH SIDE.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

REPORT TO THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL FROM THE
JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
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THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION HAS CONTINUED ITS ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM CORRESPONDING TO THE
FIRST YEAR OF THE TREATY OF JANUARY 26, 1976, AND ITS
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NO. 3.

FOLLOWING AN INFORMAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 1976, THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON MAY 16, 1977. AT THIS MEETING, THE JOINT COMMITTEE STUDIED THE RESULTS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE SPANISH SIDE IN THE OFFICIAL STATE BULLETIN CALLING FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE TERMS OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NO. 3. THE JOINT COMMITTEE APPROVED ITS PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT (TO WHICH WAS ALLOCATED \$25,000 ANNUALLY, SUBJECT TO INCREASE SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE), AND A PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMED:

--COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS: 85PERCENT OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE FIRST YEAR (SUBJECT TO A POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF 10 PERCENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SINGLE-NATION PROGRAMS)

-- SINGLE-NATION PROGRAMS: 12.5 PERCENT (WHICH COULD BE INCREASED UP TO 21 PERCENT).

AS AGREED AT THE MEETING, THE SPANISH SIDE UNDERTOOK A DETAILED STUDY OF THE NUMEROUS PROPOSALS (ABOUT 500) WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED. THIS RESULTED IN PRESENTATION LAST JULY OF A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR THE FIRST YEAR'S PROGRAMS. THE 123 PROJECTS IN THE SPANISH PROPOSAL FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
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--COOPERATIVE PROJECTS: 42
-- TRAVEL GRANTS: 24
--POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANTS: 27

THE U.S. SIDE IS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE SPANISH PROPOSAL WITHOUT HAVING YET PROVIDED A COMPLETE RESPONSE. AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED BY THE CO-CHAIRMAN ON A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THESE CAN BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. THE SPANISH SIDE CONSIDERS IT VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT OR OBJECTIONS OF THE U.S. SIDE TO THE SPANISH PROPOSAL BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 18, 1977

IN THE OPINION OF THE SPANISH SIDE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE IF ON OCTOBER 18 THE PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST YEAR COULD BE DEFINITELY APPROVED (AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF IT). THIS WOULD PERMIT THE AWARD OF FUNDS TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS AND THE START OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SOON

AS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
HAS FUNDS AT ITS DISPOSAL.

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THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WHICH SERVES THE
COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT HAS BEGUN ITS WORK IN SPACE MADE
AVAILABLE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE UNTIL
SUCH TIME AS APPROPRIATE SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT THE SEAT
OF THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS,
NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
MIGHT NEED THE SPACE BEFORE THE STAFF IS INSTALLED AT
THE SEAT OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE STAFF TO
FIND OTHER TEMPORARY QUARTERS. THE PERSONNEL OF THIS
STAFF (BUT NOT THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY) ARE BEING PAID
ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE
COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (2.5 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL
BUDGET).

THIS STAFF SERVES BOTH THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, IN ORDER
TO HOLD ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES TO A MINIMUM. ENLARGEMENT
OF THE STAFF WILL BE A FUNCTION OF THE WORK ASSIGNED,
WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF BOTH JOINT COMMITTEES REQUIRED.
THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED
THE U.S. SIDE TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPRO-
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PRIATE DIVISION AMONG AIRLINES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES OF TRAVEL SUPPORTED FROM FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. THIS IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT PRIMARILY FOR ITS POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION.

THE SPANISH SIDE ALSO CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY INTEREST WHICH FUNDS OF THE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WOULD EARN IN SPAIN BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR ENLARGING THE PROGRAM.

FURTHER, BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN MAKING AN ANALYSIS OF PATENT AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WHICH MIGHT ARISE FROM PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION. THE SPANISH SIDE HAS NOW MADE ITS POINT OF VIEW ON THIS MATTER KNOWN TO THE U.S. SIDE AND IS AWAITING A RESPONSE. END TEXT. EATON

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